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Assembly called to order at 11:40 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain Craig Swope.

Father, if this were a perfect world, we would have no reason to meet. As we deal with imperfections, may we never forget that we are imperfect as well, so we need each other. It is that recognition of mutual need that brings us together. While our efforts may stop short of the perfect standard, we know that when we work together, we get closer to the mark that we strive for—a state that considers everyone to be of value, a state that celebrates the gifts that we have been blessed with, and a state that is familiar with struggles that were battle born. Help us to honor the best and improve on what we can. As we pray in the name of the perfect life of Your son.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 18, 2025

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

SHERRY L. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

February 18, 2025

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of Assembly Bills Nos. 2, 58, 104, 165, 187, 210, 224.

SARAH COFFMAN
Fiscal Analysis Division

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

WHEREAS, Born 2 months premature at a mere 4 pounds in Reno, Nevada in 1957, Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt entered the world with an indomitable fighting spirit; and

WHEREAS, The devoted daughter of parents Paul Dominique Laxalt and Jackalyn Ross Laxalt, Neena Laxalt grew up in Carson City with her five siblings and many cousins; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt was raised in the world of law and politics with her maternal grandfather, Judge John R. Ross, serving as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada from 1954 to 1963 and her father, Paul D. Laxalt, serving as Nevada’s Lieutenant Governor, Governor and U.S. Senator between 1963 and 1987; and

WHEREAS, A proud product of humble immigrants who settled in Nevada, Neena Laxalt, as a fourth-generation Irish descendant, possessed a keen sense of humor, a refined gift of conversation and, as a second-generation Basque descendant, a clear focus and unfailing work ethic; and

WHEREAS, After beginning her storied lobbying career in the halls of the Arizona Legislature, Neena Laxalt spent over 25 years skillfully navigating the legislative process at the Nevada Legislature and in other governmental arenas by providing valuable insights and fostering collaboration among policymakers, stakeholders and communities; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, her colleagues recognized her significant contributions by inducting her into the Nevada Legislature’s James A. Joyce Lobbyist Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt has had a marked impact on numerous state policies, notably in the areas of agriculture, ranching, animal welfare and the well-being of Nevada’s Native American and rural communities, and she devoted innumerable hours in her leadership role planning the historic celebration of Nevada’s sesquicentennial anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt mentored countless young professionals, especially women, and her guidance and support empowered them to flourish in their advocacy or political careers; and

WHEREAS, An animal and nature enthusiast, Neena Laxalt became the guardian of the revered Laxalt family sheep camp at Marlette Lake, following in her Basque grandfather Dominique Laxalt’s footsteps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature offer their deepest condolences to Neena Laxalt’s daughter, Kevan Danielle, her granddaughter, Grace Kathleen, her four siblings, her many cousins and her many lifelong friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the legacy of Neena Laxalt’s distinguished lobbying career and service to this State will long be remembered and serve as an inspiration to others to embrace the role of mentor or tireless advocate for their causes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Neena Laxalt; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Assemblymember Mosca moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblymembers Anderson, Monroe-Moreno, and Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANDERSON:

Neena Laxalt was a friend of mine and although we did not always agree with each other, we were able to disagree in a way that showed that we had a shared love of Nevada. One thing, or many things, about Neena: she loved a good joke, that laugh, those of us that know that laugh, and she was quick with it—oh my gosh, so quick with that laugh. The other thing that was quick was her temper. I think that shows her Basque and Irish background and her ability to have a long memory. She would remember something that happened 10 years ago and be like, “Wait, wait, wait, you did this.” And you are just thinking that was a random Wednesday, but okay.

One of the strongest things about Neena that was mentioned, and I think one reason why some people are so emotional about this today, is she took interns, and she took other females that were not always as welcome in these halls as they are today. She took them under her wing, and she would show us the ropes, and she would tell us even if you are not in agreement with me, this is how you get things done. She respected and loved these halls, both our house and the other house, because she recognized that this is where Nevadans came in to talk with each other. She loved

that, and she protected it, and she celebrated it. The other thing that she celebrated was her love of Marlette Lake and Nevada, and I think that her dedication to this area continues to serve as an inspiration to all of us. Finally, as one of her friends stated, although she is no longer with us, her spirit and belief in us will continue to live on.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

I rise today in honor of a remarkable woman that graced hallways and I was able to call friend, Neena Laxalt. Her willingness to work with anyone for the betterment of Nevada was a memorable attribute that she had. Neena was unique and always had a different insight on issues and she often did that through humor. Like she did with so many in our state, she took me under her wing. Before I was even a freshman legislator, we had a chance meeting at a social event—and if you have ever been in Neena’s car, it smells of tobacco and it is definitely a mobile office—but at that event, we talked and we realized we were not on the same side of the political lines, but we were aligned on so many things about making Nevada a better place to live in. And on that night, we became friends.

When she called me and let me know that she had had a diagnosis, I tried to remain strong during that call for her while selfishly crying inside because I knew that we were going to lose someone that understands what it means to serve Nevadans and to work across political aisles to make sure that we build friendships, have conversations, have dialogues, even when we do not get along, that was Neena. When I learned of her passing, I cried again because I knew we had freshmen legislators that would never have that opportunity to meet this amazing woman.

For her family, she was honest, to a fault, even when it hurt and she, like me, believed: tell me the truth, even if it hurts because I will respect you for doing that. These halls will be empty without Neena. I will miss her. Our thoughts and our prayers are with her family and her friends and for all the legislators that she has mentored over the years. I feel very fortunate and blessed to have known her, to have been able to call her one of my mentors, and a friend.

Mr. Speaker requested the privilege of the Chair for the purpose of making the following remarks:

SPEAKER YEAGER:

I want to thank the family for sharing Neena with us. Many of you know I lobbied in this building in the 2013 and 2015 Sessions, and it probably is an understatement to say that I had no idea what I was doing. It was hard to know who to trust, but Neena very quickly became somebody who I could trust, to tell it like it was, to always speak her mind, and to be on the right side of issues. I just want to echo that I did not get personally mentored by Neena, but she was a force in this building and her moral compass was just extraordinarily strong to stand up for causes and people that she believed in.

I think her legacy, of course, is demonstrated by everyone still in this building, whether they are lobbyists, whether they are legislators, whether they are staff members, everybody that she touched by the way that she conducted herself. So, while it is certainly a sad day because we have lost her, her legacy is going to live on and lives on in this building as we speak. I just wanted to express that I really appreciate her for who she was as a person and for always looking out for other people. There are certainly lessons there that we can all take in our own lives and just want to remember her for the extraordinary, extraordinary Nevadan that she was.

Resolution adopted.

Assembly in recess at 11:56 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 11:59 a.m.

Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymember Marzola:

Assembly Bill No. 248—AN ACT relating to physical therapy; enacting and entering into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; authorizing the sharing of certain information with the data system created pursuant to the Compact; providing a person practicing as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under the Compact with the same legal status as a person practicing as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under a license issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board; revising certain terminology relating to physical therapists; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Marzola moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Ways and Means:

Assembly Bill No. 249—AN ACT relating to fiscal notes; revising the information concerning fiscal effect that must be included in the summary of each bill or joint resolution introduced in the Legislature; revising provisions relating to the preparation of fiscal notes relating to petitions for initiative or referendum; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Mosca moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymembers Goulding, Anderson, Flanagan, Hunt, La Rue Hatch and Nguyen:

Assembly Bill No. 250—AN ACT relating to debt; prescribing certain requirements relating to the collection of a debt that is the result of economic abuse or coerced debt; requiring a reporting agency that receives certain notice that a debt or any portion of a debt is the result of economic abuse or coerced debt to take certain actions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Marzola moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymembers Koenig and Gurr:

Assembly Bill No. 251—AN ACT relating to food inspections; providing that a “mobile processing unit” is an official establishment for certain purposes relating to the inspection of meat and poultry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Anderson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymembers La Rue Hatch, Roth, Hunt, Considine, González, Goulding and Moore:

Assembly Bill No. 252—AN ACT relating to the Legislative Department of the State Government; creating the Office of Ombudsman for Legislative Employees in the Legislative Counsel Bureau of the Legislative Department of the State Government; setting forth the powers and duties of the Office; requiring the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections to conduct an interim study concerning legislative employment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Mosca moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymember Mosca:

Assembly Bill No. 253—AN ACT relating to civil liability; providing immunity from civil liability to certain persons authorized to provide certain care pursuant to an agreement between a hospital and the Armed Forces of the United States; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Miller moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymember Mosca:

Assembly Bill No. 254—AN ACT relating to the Legislature; creating the Community Project Grant Program to provide grants for certain community projects in legislative districts; creating the Account for the Community Project Grant Program in the Legislative Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Mosca moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymember La Rue Hatch:

Assembly Bill No. 255—AN ACT relating to employment practices; prohibiting certain conditions, stipulations and provisions in certain contracts and agreements that require an employee or independent contractor to pay a sum of money if the person leaves employment or ceases providing services before the passage of a specified period; setting forth the manner by which that prohibition may be enforced; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Marzola moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymembers La Rue Hatch, González, Roth, Moore, Anderson, Brown-May, Considine, Flanagan, Goulding, Hunt, Jackson, Nguyen and Orentlicher:

Assembly Bill No. 256—AN ACT relating to rail transit; directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a Regional Rail Transit Advisory Working Group to conduct an interim study relating to regional rail transit in certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Mosca moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymember D'Silva:

Assembly Bill No. 257—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Nevada School of the Arts for its programs and services to promote education in the arts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymembers Moore, Kasama and La Rue Hatch:

Assembly Bill No. 258—AN ACT relating to real estate; requiring brokerage agreements to be in writing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Marzola moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblymember Anderson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Chris Grinnan and Izzy Grinnan.

On request of Assemblymember Backus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Emily McKinnon, Jack McKinnon, Marc McDermont, and Nina McKinnon.

On request of Assemblymember Brown-May, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Fremont Dahl and Timothy Dahl.

On request of Assemblymember Considine, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Seth Polston.

On request of Assemblymember D'Silva, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Drianna Dimatulac, Grace Levin, Harrison Bohn, and Myra Levin.

On request of Assemblymember Dalia, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Junior Levin and Sean Levin.

On request of Assemblymember Dickman, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Abigail Stockstill, Christian Freitas, Grayson King, Heidi Snyder, Keegan Davis, Logan Boyd, Luc Mandas, Mark Doerfler, Samuel Mori, Taylor Cox, Tommy Schoech, and Vy Nguyen.

On request of Assemblymember Flanagan, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kelcey West, Margot Easley, and Cameron “C.H.” Miller.

On request of Assemblymember Hunt, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Mackenzie Warren Kay and Shaunda Johnson.

On request of Assemblymember Jackson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Albert Reeder and Dwayne Henderson.

On request of Assemblymember Jauregui, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Brian Burris, Grace Burris, Kevan Danielle Burris, Kevin Marie Laxalt, and Kristen Laxalt.

On request of Assemblymember Marzola, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Alix Norton and Henry Norton.

On request of Assemblymember Miller, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Janea Sizemore and Sheryl Burnham.

On request of Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Darlene Anderson and Jo Cato.

On request of Assemblymember Moore, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Hector Arreola and Jackie Spicer.

On request of Assemblymember Nadeem, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Hunter Dahl and Laura Dahl.

On request of Assemblymember Roth, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Cate Norton and Matt Norton.

On request of Assemblymember Watts, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Leslie Turner, Patrina McKinney, Stephanie Grinnan, and Topher Grinnan.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the Assembly adjourn until Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., and that it do so in memory of Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved:

STEVE YEAGER
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: BONNIE BORDA HOFFECKER
Chief Clerk of the Assembly